## House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have brought glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in athletic competition; and

Whereas, Jose Jones of Saint Louis, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an amateur boxer who earned the title trophy in the 2007 Golden Gloves Amateur Championship for Missouri that was held on January 27, 2007; and

Whereas, an International Account Representative at Lindenwood University, Jose Jones is a Panamanian whose father who had three amateur fights during his college years, including one in Costa Rica; and

**Whereas**, Jose Jones began boxing when he was sixteen years old and living in Panama City, Panama; and

Whereas, because of his Panamanian heritage, Jose Jones was introduced to the unique boxing style of such greats as Roberto Duran, Ishmael Laguna, Guillermo Jones, and Ricardo Cordoba; and

Whereas, Jose Jones periodically gave up the sport of boxing in order to concentrate on his studies, but while attending Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Missouri, he again began training and sparring in a gym close to the school; and

Whereas, after playing football for two years and graduating with a Bachelor's degree in mass communications, Jose Jones returned to the ring to win his second fight by a TKO in the 55th second of the first round; and

Whereas, Jose Jones subsequently fought four more amateur fights before entering the Golden Gloves Tournament in January 2007 and garnering two additional wins to become the first Panamanian to claim the Missouri title:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the success of Jose Jones as an amateur boxer and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon becoming the 2007 Golden Gloves Amateur Champion in the state of Missouri; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Jose Jones of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by
Representative Joe Smith
District No. 14
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No, adopted, 2007.
Rod Jetton, Speaker